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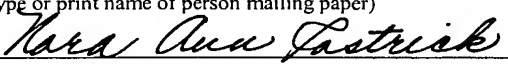
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Sir:

In response to Document PCT/DO/EO/905 regarding "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)" and mailed November 03, 2006, attached hereto are the following documents to complete the United States national phase of the above-identified application:

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2. a copy of the above-mentioned "Notification" to be returned with response.

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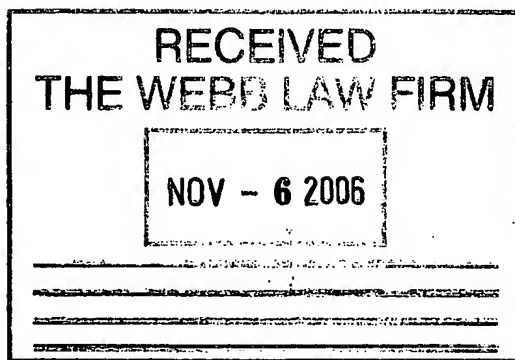


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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/21/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 04/21/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/21/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/21/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/21/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/21/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/21/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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